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Resolution # 10 2006-2007 COLLEGE SENATE

TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President

FROM: The College Senate: *February 19, 2007*

RE: ☒ I. Formal Resolution (*Act of Determination*)
II. Recommendation (*Urging the Fitness of*)
III. Other, For Your Information (*Notice, Request, Report, etc.*)

SUBJ: **Spanish Major** #23 06-07 UC

Signed: Jeffrey T. Cashbrooke Date: 2/23/07
(Dr. Jeffrey T. Cashbrooke, 2006-07 College Senate President)

Please fill out the bottom portion and return document to the College Senate Office.

TO: The College Senate President

FROM: College President

- ☒ I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle choice)
- a. Accepted
 - Implementation Effective Date: Fall 2007
*Date resolution will begin to be used by the College (ie. spring, fall, when included in catalog, etc.)
 - b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on ___/___/___
 - c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation
- II, III. Response to Recommendation or Other/FYI
- a. Received and acknowledged ___/___/___
 - b. Comment: _____

DISTRIBUTED BY PRESIDENT'S OFFICE TO: President's Cabinet

DISTRIBUTE ALSO TO: Originator, Academic Advisement, Registrar (as appropriate)

Signed: John R. Halstead Date: 3/4/07
(Dr. John R. Halstead, President, SUNY College at Brockport)

**COLLEGE SENATE OFFICE
RESOLUTION PROPOSAL COVER PAGE**

**Routing
Number**

#23 06-07 UC

ROUTING NUMBER TO BE ASSIGNED BY SENATE OFFICE

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 23

Incomplete proposals or proposals received after the deadline may not be reviewed until next semester.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Submit only complete proposals.
- Proposals must be prepared individually in Word format using committee guidelines (guidelines online).
- Fill out this cover page for each proposal (available online at www.brockport.edu/collegesenate).
- Email proposal and this cover page to senate@brockport.edu and facprez@brockport.edu.
- All updates must be resubmitted to the Senate office with the original cover page including routing number.
- Questions? Call the Senate office at 395-2586 or the appropriate committee chairperson.

1. PROPOSAL TITLE:

Please be somewhat descriptive, for example, *Graduate Probation/Dismissal Proposal* rather than *Graduate Proposal*.

Spanish Major

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

Reduction of 3 hrs in the major and elimination of Option A of Track Two

3. ANTICIPATED DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION:

With new catalog

Enter date this will be effective if passed by the Senate.

4. SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES: PLEASE PUT A DATE ON ALL UPDATED DOCUMENTS TO AVOID CONFUSION.

<i>First Submission</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>
11/16/06			

5. SUBMITTED BY: (contact person)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
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6. COMMITTEES TO COPY: (Senate office use only)

Standing Committee	Forwarded To	Date
___ Enrollment Planning & Policies	Committee	11/16/06
___ Faculty & Professional Staff Policies	Executive Committee	1/29/07
___ General Education & Curriculum Policies	Senate	2/5/07 – vote 2/19/07
___ Graduate Curriculum & Policies	Senate President's Signature	2/23/07
___ Student Policies	College President's Signature	
XX Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies	To Vice Provost	
	Other	

*(ROUTING NUMBER IS A CHRONOLOGICAL NUMBER SEQUENCE FOLLOWED BY ACADEMIC YEAR AND COMMITTEE INITIALS)

To: Faculty Senate

Executive Summary of Changes Sought

The Dept. of Foreign Languages seeks to update its program in Spanish to reflect the reality of today's student needs and choices. Our students majoring in Spanish with a desire to teach secondary education must now have a second language (French) to compete for jobs in the marketplace. Since the French Major is 30 hours, we would like the two languages to have parallel requirements, and we would like to make it possible for majors in either language to be able to double major. The extra 3 hours in Spanish does not accomplish enough to warrant 33 hours, and we have had cases where the extra credits have meant either an extra semester here at Brockport or dropping the second major. In essence we are not helping but rather hindering student success. Since we already teach Phonetics in all of our language classes, a specialized course in that area does not need to be required. We would remove it to an elective possibility.

Implementation – with the new Catalog

Revision of the Spanish Major to include only two tracks:

I. Language, Literature and Culture

II. Interdisciplinary Major in Bilingual-Multicultural Studies

(for students seeking a bilingual-multicultural extension certificate

The Existing Situation:

Track I. Language, Literature and Civilization 33 credits

Track II. Interdisciplinary Major in Bilingual-Multicultural Studies

Option A. Does not have a specific name- 36 credits

Option B. (for students seeking a bilingual-multicultural education extension certificate 36 credits

Current	Proposed
Track 1- Lang. Lit. & Culture 33 credits	Track I Same except for 30 credits
Track II- Interdisc in Bilingual & Multi Extension certificate 36 hours Option A- for students not seeking certification Option B- for education certification	Track II Interdis. in Bilingual & Multicultural Education Extension Certificate- 36 hours Eliminates Option A

No new courses have been added/

As for Staffing, we have 3 fewer faculty that we had 3 years ago, and while the elimination of one course will not have an enormous effect, it will still help.

Letter from the Chair: Since I am the person writing this proposal, I give it my full support. Our catalog has not been revised for a long time, and it is necessary that our offerings reflect the current students' desires and needs.

In the past 10 years we have had only 1 student choose to major in Track II Option A. Students who elect the bilingual track are interested in teaching. Our catalog is confusing and out of date. Three Spanish majors and two minors is a detriment to anyone trying to make sense of our catalog.

I shall ask the Dean to write a letter of support.

We do not need any resources to implement our changes.

These changes in no way affect other cooperating agencies except the Registrar who will be delighted.

Transfer students will have a much easier time when it comes to looking at the major; having only two choices in the major facilitates their programming.